

22 June 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 22 June 1979

The Director was at his EOB office; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

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Bowie reported NFIB approvals on Cuban Foreign Policy (SNIE) and Iraq's Role in the Middle East (NIE). [redacted]

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Hitz asked for guidance on how he should approach Monday's HPSC(I) hearing on reprogramming for [redacted]. He said he feels certain the Committee wants assurance that [redacted] will agree. Mr. Carlucci suggested someone from State should accompany Hitz, preferably George Vest. Hitz said he would call Vest; if needed, Mr. Carlucci said he would call Vest, also. [redacted]

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Hitz reported that yesterday's session at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee re SALT testimony was less than comprehensive and that a testimony schedule is not yet firm. Tentatively, initial testimony on verification will include Secretary Brown, the DCI, Admiral Inman, and George Seignious in executive session followed by an open session. Hitz said Senator Byrd has discussed SR 400 re SALT with other senators but with no apparent outcome. Noting that Senator Byrd will be going to Moscow next week Hitz highlighted the importance of Byrd having a savvy escort--someone who can advise Byrd well in dealing with Soviet leaders on the delicate issues of SALT. []

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Silver said Don Gregg called yesterday to report the President has approved the Legislative Charter package on the remaining Title II provisions and on how to present the Charter to Congress. All the decisions were favorable to CIA including CIA participation in CI operations, when necessary, in the U.S. Mr. Carlucci said we must remain alert to possible changes in Administration language which could hobble the effectiveness [] Silver added that the President's decision confirms the DCI's role as principal spokesman for the Administration and that he and David Aaron will present the Administration's proposal to Bill Miller, SSCI, on Monday. Regarding FOIA exemption, Silver said we were also faring well. Mr. Carlucci noted our good situation with Attorney General Bell re FOIA and that we should look to remain a part of the overall package vis-a-vis an independent exemption. []

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[] reported on success of the Director's budget meeting yesterday with Representatives Burlison, Robinson, and staffers, noting particularly that with the budget amendment in hand the Committee said it would have no problem in going along with [] Hitz said en route to the meeting he gave Bob Rosenberg, NSC, a lift to the Hill; Hitz said he thinks Committees are seeking Rosenberg's independent views on program/budget issues. []

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Mr. Carlucci said he met yesterday with Michael Blouin who is responsible for overseeing implementation of Executive Order 12065 (classification/declassification). Mr. Carlucci said the meeting went well. On Blouin's persistent request for access to Agency files, however, Mr. Carlucci said he made it clear that access would not be granted. Beyond this, Mr. Carlucci said we will be helpful in every way and he offered Blouin briefings by Gambino on the classification/declassification process and by Walsh on APEX. []

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